

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress¹**

[Date approved: March 25, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2245 (Mrs. Dianne Feinstein of California).

Proponent name,³ location: Mattel, Inc., El Segundo, CA.

Other bills on product (111th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.⁴

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)): NA.

Optical instruments (provided for in subheading 9013.80.90) designed for the viewing of circular mounted sets of stereoscopic photographic transparencies, such mounts measuring approximately 8.99 cm in diameter.

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced.
 Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject goods are hand-operated stereoscopes for viewing in three dimensions various colored photographic transparencies. The instruments consist of a plastic case incorporating two fixed lenses and a lever-operated revolving mechanism to change pictures; the pictures are mounted in sets on interchangeable removable discs and inserted into the device. A binocular version of the viewer enables the user to convert the viewer to binoculars by turning a knob. These goods are primarily designed for use by children for entertainment purposes and are imported from China.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Mihir Torsekar (202-205-3350); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

⁴ Heading 9902.01.80, which expired at the end of 2009, had afforded duty-free entry for the subject goods.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 9013.80.90:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$85,500	\$85,500	\$85,500	\$85,500	\$85,500

a/ Dutiable import estimates were provided by industry sources.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
			(Yes/No)	
Mattel, Inc. (Proponent) Tom St. Maxens, tst.maxens@st.maxens.com	11/18/2009	No	No	No
Toy Industry Association, Barry Levy, 212-425-0055	11/18/2009	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁵

None.

⁵ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2245

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain children's products.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain children's products.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CERTAIN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.01.80 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 certain children's optical products) is amended by striking
7 "12/31/2009" and inserting "12/31/2011".

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or

- 1 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
- 2 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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